

This community affirms and promotes the Unitarian Universalist principles:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregations
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
- The goal of a world community with peace, liberty and justice for all
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

### Announcements (Cont'd.)

#### **Family Promise Host Week**

We have a commitment with Family Promise to provide and serve meals to the homeless at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Stanton on Tuesday May 2nd and Thursday May 4th. There are many ways you can help! **Provide** simple main meals for the dates above - main dishes, sides or desserts; **help** to serve these meals; **provide** simple breakfast or lunch foods (no serving involved – see the collection box in the gathering space.) If you're interested in helping with the main meal foods and/or serving, contact Chitra Vaidy, [cvaidy226@gmail.com](mailto:cvaidy226@gmail.com). If you'd like to help with the breakfast or lunch foods, contact Lauri Rickard [rickardlauri@gmail.com](mailto:rickardlauri@gmail.com)

**Book Group** – everyone is welcome to join us on Thursday, May 18 at 7:30 pm in the MacArtor Library when we discuss *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. For more info, contact group leader Amy White at [amywwhite@comcast.net](mailto:amywwhite@comcast.net) or (302) 652-1952.

**Financial Commitment Forms** – thank you to the many who have made their pledge to support Mill Creek's transitional pledge campaign for July 1-December 31, 2017. If you haven't been contacted by someone on the Stewardship Team, or if you need a pledge card, please contact the office, 302-369-2712 or [administrator@uusmc.org](mailto:administrator@uusmc.org).

#### Upcoming events

**Family Fun Night** – Saturday, April 29

**Family Promise Host Week** – May 2-May 4

**Congregational Meeting-Celebrating Our Legacy** – Sunday, May 7

**Book Group** – Thursday, May 18

**Mill Creek Annual Meeting** – Sunday, June 4

#### Mill Creek Professional Staff

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**April 23, 2017**  
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~ Order of Service ~  
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♥ Please silence cell phones, and hold applause until the end of service.

Welcome & Announcements Stephen Petersen, Worship Associate

Prelude "We Will Rock You"

Chalice Lighting

Response:

*We gather this hour as people of faith, with joys and sorrows, gifts and needs. We light this beacon of hope, sign of our quest for truth and meaning, in celebration of the life we share together.*

Congregational Greeting Rev. Gregory S. Pelley

Story For All Ages Rev. Pelley

*Mole Music* by David McPhail

Children to Religious Education – "Go Now in Peace" #413

Covenant

*Sacred is this place of acceptance, this home for the spirit. Here, all are welcome, with all our differences, who come in peace and with an open heart. We enter in celebration, to learn, to share, and to grow together in our Unitarian Universalist faith. Blessed be this gathering.*

\*Hymn "Lean On Me" #1021

Joys and Sorrows

Centering Hymn "When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place" #1008  
(verse 2 only, no repeat)

Meditation

Offering "Under Pressure"

Reading *Now I Become Myself* by May Sarton

Sermon **A Kind of Magic** Rev. Pelley

Postlude "Bohemian Rhapsody"

**\*Unison Benediction**

*May we go from here with Love in our hearts,  
Hope in our minds, Help in our hands,  
To live our Principles and give of our gifts,  
For those whose lives we touch, whose lives touch ours.*

\* Stand as you are able.

**Welcome, visitors and guests.** We invite you to fill out a contact information card, and hope you'll stay with us after the service for coffee, tea, & conversation. We welcome you to all meetings and social activities. To discuss membership, please contact Maggie McLaughlin, [mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com](mailto:mmclaughlin13123@gmail.com), Helen Springer, [helenspringer@icloud.com](mailto:helenspringer@icloud.com), Eileen Selph, [caldwelleileen@hotmail.com](mailto:caldwelleileen@hotmail.com), or our minister, Rev. Gregory S. Pelley, [minister@uusmc.org](mailto:minister@uusmc.org). We hope you have found the service meaningful and our fellowship warm, and that you will be with us again.

**Today's music** is provided by the UUSMC and UUFN "FLASH CHOIR", a fun choral event for people of all ages and experiences. Brought together by the music of the rock group Queen, we are transformed by the act of singing together.

**Children's Religious Education** – We welcome the children to Classroom 1 after today's Story For All Ages. Today we will be checking out the new Butterfly Garden that the kids just planted yesterday during our Earth Day celebration. If you haven't seen it, please come out after today's service and take a look! Our next Family Fun Night is next Saturday evening, April 29, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Come one – come all!

**Share Our Plate** For the months of March and April we will be donating half of our undesignated plate offerings to the Latin American Community Center. This agency, in the Hilltop section of Wilmington since 1969, empowers the Latino community through education, advocacy, partnerships and exceptional services.

## -- ANNOUNCEMENTS --

**Congregational Meeting** - the Board of Trustees has called a special meeting of the membership to be held on **Sunday May 7, 2017**, following our regular worship service (approximately noon). The purpose of the meeting is to review and vote on a proposal for the dispensation of two estate gifts we have received: from Frank MacArtor and Ann Roschinsky. The proposal is the result of lengthy and meaningful discussion and planning by the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee, and includes special projects to honor both Frank and Ann's legacies. Additionally, the proposal includes a principal payment on the church mortgage debt. The congregation will be invited to participate in a new campaign – **Celebrating Our Legacy** – by making a financial commitment in honor of Frank and Ann in support of the debt pay-down. More information on the **Celebrating Our Legacy** campaign will be forthcoming. Please plan to attend this important meeting.